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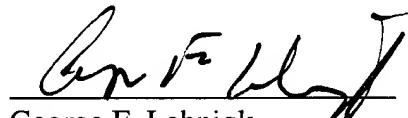
Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 12-25, if necessary.

However, Applicant requests the Examiner to include claims 12-25 (Group B) in the examination of the present application, should it become apparent that the additional burden in searching and examination is minimal. In particular, Applicant notes that, while classified in a subclass different from the claims of Groups A, the class is nonetheless the same. As such, a thorough examination of Group A may well overlap to a substantial degree with a search of Group B, and would require only minimal extra effort.

In view of the above, substantive examination of this application is now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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